

Bank Notes, which were effectively a form of national currency until being discontinued in the 1930s. The ledgers Lee is familiar with are not just the ones involved in the Department's budgeting, but also the original Treasury Department ledgers tracing the return and destruction of these notes. I wish Lee continued success in this field.

Above all else, Lee will leave behind a legacy of strong, calm, and effective leadership. Few can fill the multifaceted role he held at the Department but even fewer can do so in the universally respected and admired manner that he did so.

The Nation and the Department of Justice have lost a great asset. I commend Lee for his many accomplishments and for his selfless service to this country. He will be missed. On behalf of Kansans and a grateful nation, I personally thank Lee for his service to our Nation and congratulate him on his retirement; he has earned a long and fulfilling one.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING DONALD ROSS

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Donald K. Ross, a tireless organizer for democracy. Sadly, Mr. Ross passed away on May 14, 2022, at the age of 78. He will be remembered for his lifetime of civic service and advocacy.

Born in the Bronx, NY, Mr. Ross was a leader from an early age. As student body president, he successfully revived Fordham University's football program, an experience he credited with teaching him how to organize. Upon graduation, Mr. Ross spent 2 years with the Peace Corps in Nigeria, before graduating from New York University's law school in 1970.

From there, Mr. Ross joined consumer advocate Ralph Nader's Public Citizen movement, becoming one of the original "Nader's Raiders." In 1971, they co-wrote "Action for Change: A Student's Manual for Public Interest Organizing," which led to the organization of Public Interest Research Groups—PRIGs—across the country. These organizations combine research and public action, encouraging public citizens to get involved in important advocacy issues. Mr. Ross became the director of the New York PRIG, where he advanced a number of political reforms and advocated for increased government transparency.

Mr. Ross was also an outspoken anti-nuclear advocate. After the tragic accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania, Mr. Ross organized anti-nuclear rallies that drew hundreds of thousands of demonstrators. That he was able to mobilize so many people in mere weeks after the accident is a testament to his leadership skills and passion for the cause.

In addition to his organizing expertise, Mr. Ross was also a dedicated philanthropist. From 1985 to 1999, he was director of the Rockefeller Family Fund, a charitable organization where he worked to expand access to grants for charitable causes. Additionally, Mr. Ross cofounded and managed the Environmental Grantmakers Association, which has grown to include over 200 member foundations around the world. A champion of numerous causes, Mr. Ross directed the National Campaign to Reform Juvenile Justice Systems from 2009 to 2017.

In my home State, Mr. Ross organized the Connecticut Citizen Action Group, a statewide organization dedicated to actively engaging residents to build a more sustainable, just society. In this and every endeavor he undertook in his remarkable career, Mr. Ross was on the frontlines of democracy, fighting to make our world a better place.

Connecticut and the Nation have lost a great civic organizer and champion of democracy. Mr. Ross's tireless devotion to many worthy causes—from environmental protection, to consumer advocacy, to criminal justice reform, and so many others—serves as a model of dedication and civic engagement. Through his work and his writings, Mr. Ross has inspired a generation of citizens to become engaged in their communities and fight for a more just world. While he will be sorely missed, his legacy will live on in those who continue his work.

My wife Cynthia and I extend our deepest sympathies to Donald's family during this difficult time, particularly to his wife Helen, and his children Katherine, Margaret, and Mike. May their many wonderful memories of Donald provide them solace and comfort in the days ahead. I hope my colleagues will join me in remembering Donald K. Ross.●

##### RECOGNIZING DADS ON DUTY

• Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a group of committed Louisiana fathers making a difference in their community and the lives of their children.

Violence within the halls of Southwood High School in Shreveport reached a concerning peak in the fall of 2021, when 23 students were arrested in just 3 days.

Mr. Michael LaFitte gathered 40 fellow concerned fathers, including David Telsee, III, Michael Morgan, Zachery Johnson, and Kenneth Henry, Jr., and established a wholesome presence in the halls of Southwood High. They were able to quell conflict and violence. They are promoting peace, order, and dropping dad jokes with a profound impact. They have prevented fights and arrests since forming their group, Dads on Duty. By fostering a safer environment in Southwood High, Dads on Duty has allowed the youth to focus on learning and growing.

Dads on Duty is demonstrating a strategy they believe can benefit students in other schools. They have plans to introduce this program of engaged parents in each Caddo Parish school campus moving forward.

Dads on Duty has garnered attention at the city, parish, State, and national levels—and rightfully so. I applaud their efforts and look forward to seeing how they can continue to better our communities.●

##### REMEMBERING BRIAN DENNIS BALBUENA

• Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the remarkable life of Brian Dennis Balbuena, a devoted son, brother, and friend who passed away on April 3, 2022, after a hard-fought battle with brain cancer.

Born March 14, 1983, Brian used his time on earth to bring joy and light into the hearts of others. Having battled and beat cancer at the age of 5, Brian enjoyed finding new ways to "Pay it Forward" to those around him. Brian will be remembered by his family and friends as a loving and compassionate person who had a contagious smile and a presence that brightened any room he entered.

He leaves behind his incredible parents, Tina and Mark, his siblings, Amber and Dustin, and a host of nieces and nephews. May his legacy and kind spirit serve as an inspiration to us all.●

##### REMEMBERING COLONEL LOUIS "LOU" LEE MYERS, JR.

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the remarkable life of retired Colonel Louis (Lou) Lee Myers, Jr., a 38-year veteran of the Illinois Army National Guard who passed away on May 10, 2022.

Colonel Myers started his career in 1948 when he joined the Illinois Army National Guard, first serving in an ordnance company and later in a field artillery unit, a part of the Illinois' 44th Infantry Division. In 1970, Colonel Myers moved to Springfield to work for the Military and Naval Department, Facilities Division. During this time, Colonel Myers began a program to rehabilitate the old armories and facilities of the State and shortly after became the chief of facilities before rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He attended the Command and General Staff School and was promoted to colonel, Chief of Staff of the Illinois Army National Guard.

After his retirement in 1986, Colonel Myers continued to serve those around him as a life member of the Reserve Officer's Association, volunteer for the ombudsman for the Department of Defense, Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee, and a very active member in his church—Petersburg United Methodist Church. In 2018, Colonel Myer was recognized as one of the top 200 veterans in Illinois for the State's 200th birthday.